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THE VEGETABLE SITUATION

Summary

Market prices of potatoes and truck crops in the latter part of May were generally lower than in the latter part of April.

Declines in prices during recent weeks, reports the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, carried the general level of prices of vegetables below that of a year earlier. This is the first time in several months that prices have dropped below those of the comparable period the previous year. The volume of marketings is indicated to be somewhat smaller than in the previous season. Measures of current production or shipments are incomplete, but if these indications are correct it appears that a decline in demand has contributed largely to the lower level of prices. This is in spite of the fact that consumers' income is greater than during the same period last year, and may be due partly to the fact that canned and quick-frozen vegetables have been moving into retail channels at a new high rate since January 1. Stocks of such products in the hands of canners and in cold storage warehouses, however, are still very heavy.

Supplies of new potatoes available for marketing in May and June are indicated to be slightly larger than a year earlier, and market prices have declined sharply in recent weeks. The potato price averages for both old and new stock in the third week of May were lower than in the comparable period a year earlier for the first time in about 6 months. The acreage planted to the intermediate crop is increased slightly over that of 1938.

POTATOES

As a result of the sharp declines in recent weeks, market prices of both old and new potatoes in the third week of May averaged lower than a year earlier. This is the first time in nearly 6 months that prices have dropped below those of the comparable period the previous year. Although marketings of old crop potatoes have declined rapidly in recent weeks, shipments of the new crop have increased sharply and have contributed to the price declines.

Marketings of the relatively small fall and winter potato crop in Florida and Texas have been completed, and harvest of the unusually small spring crop in these two States is also about finished. New crop shipments are now coming largely from the second section of early States of which Alabama, Louisiana, South Carolina and California are important. Production this season in this latter group of States is indicated to total 18 million bushels compared with 16.9 million last year. Decreases in production in Louisiana and Mississippi more than offset increases in the other Southern States in this group, but an increase of 1.2 million bushels in California resulted in an increase in the grand total for the group.

Partly offsetting the increased production in the second section of early States is a decrease of about 700,000 bushels in the second early States. The crop in the latter group is indicated to total 5.7 million bushels compared with 6.4 million last year. The supply of early potatoes available for market in May and June, therefore, totals 23.7 million bushels this season or slightly more than the 23.4 million bushels available in the corresponding period last year. It is assumed here that the quantity of California early potatoes that will be marketed after July 1 will be about offset by a like quantity of intermediate crop potatoes that probably will be marketed before July 1.

Although no estimate of the intermediate crop has been made to date, the acreage planted in the two intermediate groups combined is slightly larger than a year earlier. The crop in Virginia is reported to be making good progress, and average or better yields are expected if weather conditions remain favorable. Shipments from the lower Eastern Shore area are expected to start about June 1 but probably will not be heavy until after the middle of the month.

The carlot movement of old potatoes has dwindled to well below 2000 cars per week and is expected to be practically completed by the middle of June. A total of about 138,000 cars of 1938 late crop potatoes were shipped through May 20 compared with 156,000 cars of 1937 late crop potatoes through May 21, 1938.

TRUCK CROPS

Combined planted and intended acreage in commercial truck crops for fresh market shipment, as reported to date, exceeds the comparable 1938 figure by 1 percent, but lower yields have reduced tonnage 2 percent below

last season. With reports on over 80 percent of the 1939 acreage already available, it appears likely that total acreage will be as great as the record acreage harvested in 1938. Since less than half of the year's production has been reported, however, it is too early to estimate total tonnage.

Carlot shipments of truck crops dropped sharply in the week ended May 20, reflecting both the decline in several early deals and the delayed harvest in the late spring crops caused by unusually cool weather in the East and Southeast, and the drought in the Northwest. June shipments should be higher as cantaloupes and watermelons move rapidly.

Wholesale prices of truck crops at major terminal markets for the week ended May 20 were lower than a month and a year earlier. F.O.B. prices of cabbage showed the most spectacular reduction in the month, falling from \$1.75 per crate to 60 cents per crate, which returns about \$6 per ton to growers.

CARLOT SHIPMENTS: Down. Carlot shipments for the week ended May 20 were 1200 cars below the previous week. After averaging nearly 7200 cars per week for the 4 weeks ended May 13, shipments dropped to 5879 cars in the next 7 days. The decline was caused largely by substantial reductions in cabbage, carrots, celery, lettuce (436 cars), onions and peas, and was partly offset by fairly large increases in cantaloupes, watermelons and tomatoes. Except for these last three, all shipments were lower than the previous week, and almost all were smaller than in the third week of April.

Unseasonably cool weather in the eastern half of the country and drought in the Northwest probably caused this decline by delaying maturity of the late spring crops, which normally follow directly behind or overlap the early spring harvests. Shipments should be heavier in June, as the cantaloupe and watermelon deals rise rapidly after the end of May.

Total carlot shipments of truck crops from January 1 to May 20 were 9 percent below the same period in 1938 — 114,714 cars against 126,299. Only asparagus, eggplant, lettuce and peas moved by rail in greater volume than last year. There were reductions of 10 percent or more in the shipments of snap and lima beans, beets, cabbage, cantaloupes, corn, cucumbers, greens, peppers, tomatoes, turnips and watermelons.

IMPORTS: None. Imports have disappeared completely for the present, none being reported since the week ended May 6. Except for a few cars of onions, imports of truck crops are negligible in the summer months.

ASPARAGUS: Early crop out, Late crop moving. After accounting for 20 percent more asparagus moved by rail than in 1938, the Early deal has ended. The Late crop, just beginning to move, is slightly below that of 1938, but over 50 percent greater than the 10-year average. Because production in this group is widely distributed geographically and also supplies some tonnage for canning and quick freezing, only a very small proportion of the crop is shipped by rail. Present market prices are below those of a month and a year ago.

LIMA BEANS: Second Early crop large. The Second Early States, Georgia and South Carolina, have a lima bean production estimated at 200,000 bushels, 11 percent above 1938 and the largest since 1932. Current prices reported for the Early crop are about the same as a month ago, but much higher than last May. Shipments of lima and snap beans are not reported separately.

SNAP BEANS: Heavy Shipments nearly over. The Second Early States, with a heavy crop of snap beans, have passed their shipping peak. Shipments are declining rather rapidly. May is the month of maximum shipments, with June running about half as large. The Intermediate (1) crop is estimated at only 1 percent above 1938, although 40 percent above the 10-year average. As the bulk of this crop is in North Carolina and Virginia, it is well within motor-truck range of major consuming centers, and will not appear heavily in rail reports. Market prices of snap beans are generally below a month ago, but above late May 1938.

CABBAGE: Lower prices. Terminal, f.o.b. and grower prices for cabbage have fallen heavily in the past month. From over \$30 per ton in mid-April, prices to growers declined to around \$6 by mid-May. Shipping point prices were about one-third as high as they were a month ago, and terminal prices were at about half the April level. Shipments rose rapidly after the middle of April, but were below 1938 shipments; total carlot shipments since January 1 were only 71 percent of those for the same period in 1938. Quality has been reported to be good. In an effort to remedy this situation the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation purchased and shipped 304 carloads of cabbage in the week ended May 20 and continued its purchases in the week ending May 27.

CANTALOUPE: Beginning. Shipments of cantaloupes from the Imperial Valley started relatively late, but the movement is now picking up. Prices on first shipments are seasonally high. The Early crop is slightly below that of 1938, and 7 percent smaller than the 10-year average. One and one-quarter million crates, 24 percent of the crop, was destroyed or abandoned in the Imperial Valley last year because of market conditions. Second Early acreage is 52,150 acres, 9 percent above last year and the maximum on record. The main increases in acreage were made in Georgia and Central California.

LETTUCE: Shipments light. Rail shipments of lettuce dropped below 1,000 cars in the week ended May 20 for the first time since early February and for the second time in the calendar year. Movement of the exceptionally heavy Second Early crop is declining but has not finished. The Intermediate crop is moving but it is about the same as in 1938 and is only 11 percent as large as the Second Early production. Market prices of western lettuce in mid-May were much lower than in mid-April and in May 1938.

ONIONS: Shipments declining. The heavy movement of Bermuda-type onions from South Texas points has passed. With a crop smaller by 11 percent than in 1938, total Texas shipments were the same as last year. North Texas, in the Intermediate (1) group, with increased acreage will ship in volume in June. Prices are lower than April and last May. A few cars of 1938 Late crop onions are still coming out of storage, later than usual.

PEAS: More production. The Intermediate (1) pea crop is 437,000 bushels, an increase of 100,000 bushels over 1938. The bulk of this increase is in the first crop in Idaho. The crop there is reported to be in good condition, and Idaho usually supplies large-podded peas. Market prices were low at the first of May, but rose toward the end of the month, and were about 10 percent below comparable prices at this time in 1938. Shipments have been slightly above last season.

TOMATOES: Marketing agreement. Growers and shippers of Second Early tomatoes in Mississippi voted heavily for a marketing agreement to regulate the shipment of grades and sizes this season. A similar agreement was offered to the East Texas deal, but it is understood that the vote was unfavorable. Mississippi and the Second Early group have a smaller production than in 1938, but it is slightly above the 10-year average. Shipments from this group have not yet begun. Terminal and f.o.b. prices of Florida and Texas tomatoes (Lower Valley) are above May 1938, but lower than in late April. The Intermediate acreage is slightly higher than last year. Shipments from the Early (2) States passed the 1,000 mark last week, the highest week in 1939.

WATERMELONS: Smaller Early crop, heavier Intermediate acreage. The watermelon crop in Florida and Imperial Valley is 4 percent smaller than last year. Shipments have just begun and prices are higher than at this time in 1938. The Intermediate acreage is up about 2 percent, although it is lower in those States of this group which will be shipping first. Shipments from South Georgia and Mississippi are expected to begin about the middle of June.

CANNED VEGETABLES

Shipments of the 3 major canned vegetables in April were above normal for the month, but were much below the unusually high levels of February and March. Combined shipments of canned corn, peas and tomatoes in April were 4,053,000 standard cases, as compared with 5,719,000 in March and 5,438,000 cases in February. Total apparent consumption (canners shipments plus reductions in distributors stocks) in the first quarter of 1939 was approximately 15,473,000 standard cases, made up of 4.7 million cases of corn, 6.0 million cases of peas, and 4.7 million cases of tomatoes (not including California tomato movement). Distributors' holdings of each of these 3 commodities were reduced from January 1 to April 1, in spite of the heavy shipments by canners. This first-quarter movement is the heaviest for the last 5 years, and is probably a new record.

Stocks of peas in canners' hands on May 1, 1939 (the carry-over date used by the Bureau) were 9.3 million cases all sizes or 9.4 million standard cases, 6 percent below the earlier estimate of 10 million standard cases. While this is a new high record and 57 percent greater than the previous maximum carry-over of 6 million cases, shipments by canners were also at a new record high of 22 million standard cases, 1.4 million above the 1935-36 shipments and 1.6 million cases above 1937-38, the only 2 previous seasons in which shipments reached 20 million cases.

Combined canners' stocks of all canned vegetables on the respective carry-over dates will probably be between 23 and 24 million standard cases, the heaviest carry-in on record. Intended acreage, however, has been sharply reduced from 1938 and 1937 plantings.

The preliminary report on planted acreage of green peas for canning and quick-freezing indicates that canners revised downward their earlier intentions to plant. Acreage is estimated at 259,900 acres, as compared with March intentions of 280,720 acres, and 1938 plantings of 334,920 acres. This represents a total reduction of 22 percent; the entire adjustment was taken by canneries, as a slight increase in the acreage contracted for quick-freezing is reported.

FROZEN VEGETABLES

May was the last month in 1937 and 1938 in which movement of quick-frozen vegetables out of storage exceeded the inward movement of new pack. For 6 months in 1937, from June 1 to December 1, new pack moving into storage was greater than withdrawals for consumption. The net increase in stocks in this period was 26.2 million pounds, from 6.3 million to 32.5 million pounds. In 1938, new pack exceeded shipments out of storage for 5 months from June 1 to November 1. In this period, stocks increased by 50 million pounds, from 21.4 million to 71.4 million pounds. The actual pack, of course, was greater than this increase in stocks by the quantities moving directly into consumption from the packing plants, and the actual movement out of storage.

Stocks of 47.4 million pounds in storage on May 1 were about 2.2 times as large as 12 months ago and 7 times as large as 2 years ago. After 6 months of net outward movement since the peak in stocks last November 1, current stocks are still 46 percent above the peak holdings of 32.5 million pounds in 1937. Net outward movement for the 5 months since December 1 was just twice as great as a year earlier. Supplies have, therefore, increased at a more rapid rate in the past 2 years than has consumption.

It is likely that the pack of quick-frozen vegetables in 1939 will not be materially larger than in 1938, because of heavy stocks now in warehouses and the reduced acreage of vegetables for manufacture planted this year. On the basis of the past 6 months movement (probably the most favorable 6 months in the year), May 1 stocks represented the equivalent of a full year's shipments.

Potatoes, early: Acreage, yield and production, average 1928-37,
annual 1938 and indicated 1939

Group and State	Acreage			Yield per acre			Production		
	: 10-year:			: 10-year:			: 10-year:		
	: average: 1938			: average: 1938			: cated: average: 1938		
	: 1928-37:			: 1928-37:			: 1928-37:		
							1,000	1,000	1,000
	: Acres	: Acres	: Acres	: Bu.	: Bu.	: Bu.	: bu.	: bu.	: bu.
Fall and winter:	8,400	17,700	14,200	89	121	122	746	2,145	1,732
Early (1):									
Fla., north	19,400	17,400	15,200	112	127	102	2,170	2,217	1,554
Hastings	16,700	15,000	13,000	112	124	100	1,873	1,860	1,300
La Crosse	2,100	1,800	1,600	111	145	110	229	261	176
West	600	600	600	106	160	130	68	96	78
Tex., Lower									
Valley	9,300	9,700	5,200	88	75	80	805	728	416
Group total	28,700	27,100	20,400	104	109	97	2,975	2,945	1,970
Early (2)									
Ala.	13,000	20,600	23,700	115	140	130	1,496	2,884	3,081
Calif.	16,600	34,000	34,000	214	270	305	3,739	9,180	10,370
Ga.	1,600	1,400	1,600	137	130	130	220	182	208
La.	22,200	26,000	24,000	73	75	65	1,640	1,950	1,560
Miss.	1,900	4,500	3,800	93	80	90	181	360	342
S. C.	13,500	12,000	12,500	145	155	150	1,965	1,860	1,875
Tex., other ..	13,300	10,200	9,200	67	52	65	890	532	600
Group total	82,100	108,700	108,800	123	156	166	10,131	16,948	18,036
Second Early:									
Ark.	4,900	4,600	4,500	88	100	98	427	460	441
N. C.	33,700	34,000	35,000	141	150	128	4,772	5,100	4,480
Okla.	9,800	6,200	5,600	95	96	95	929	595	532
Tenn.	2,200	2,100	2,200	82	125	97	176	262	213
Group total	50,600	46,900	47,300	125	137	120	6,304	6,417	5,666
Total 4 groups:	169,800	200,400	190,700	118	142	144	20,156	28,455	27,404
Intermediate(1):	97,700	72,700	72,300	142	164		13,845	11,902	
Intermediate(2):	39,400	48,000	49,300	171	203		6,829	9,814	
Total all									
States	306,900	321,100	312,300	133	156		40,830	50,171	

Potatoes: Unweighted prices per 100 pounds for stock of generally good quality and condition (U.S.No.1 grade when quoted) at shipping point and terminal markets, specified weeks 1938-39

Location and variety	Week ended					
	1938		1939			
	May 21	Apr. 22	Apr. 29	May 6	May 13	May 20
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
Shipping points:						
F.o.b. usual terms-						
Stevens Point, Wis.	---	1.02	1.04	1.02	1.03	1.00
Presque Isle, Me.	1.21	1.76	1.54	1.27	.94	.95
Rochester, N.Y. 1/	---	1.49	1.32	1.33	1.25	1.19
Mobile, Ala.	1.37		2.02	1.48	1.38	1.09
Charleston, S.C.	1.37				1.48	1.27
F.o.b. cash track-						
Kern Co., Calif.97		1.39	.96	.80	.61
Warehouse cash to grower 2/-						
Stevens Point, Wis.	---	.78	.82	.82	.81	.82
Presque Isle, Me.	---	1.70	1.30	1.10	.68	.72
Rochester, N.Y.	---	1.20	1.17	1.03	.90	.76
Terminal markets:						
New York City-						
Excluding Russet Burbanks	1.68	2.15	2.12	1.99	1.73	1.56
Russet Burbanks	---	2.25	2.28	2.25	2.18	2.16
New Stock: 3/						
Florida Katahdin	4/2.12	3.94	3.36	3.04	2.64	3.08
" Spaulding Rose	4/2.13	3.48	2.98	2.70	2.36	2.84
Chicago- 5/						
Excluding western stock	1.40	1.52	1.45	1.35	1.36	1.29
Idaho Russet Burbanks	1.79	1.84	1.68	1.54	1.55	1.45
Wis. Round Whites	---	1.20	1.28	1.24	1.34	1.28
New Stock:						
Alabama Bliss Triumphs	1.90		2.75	2.34	2.09	1.85
La. Bliss Triumphs	2.00	3.95	2.95	2.52	2.12	1.83
Calif. White Rose	2.06			2.09	2.04	1.76

1/ U.S.Commercial.

2/ Bulk per hundred weight.

3/ Bushel price doubled.

4/ Barrel price converted.

5/ Carlot sales.

Truck crops: Commercial acreage and production for market, average 1928-37, annual 1938 and indicated 1939 as reported to May 23, 1939

Commodity and group	Acreage			Unit	Production		
	10-year				10-year		
	average	1938	1939		average	1938	1939
	1928-37				1928-37		
	Acres	Acres	Acres				
Asparagus 1/				:1,000			
Calif.	66,450	71,510	76,540	crates	6,876	5,642	7,271
S.C. and Ga.	12,660	10,100	9,500	"	438	431	395
Total early ..	79,110	81,610	86,040	"	7,314	6,073	7,666
Late	26,040	31,740	35,500	"	2,402	3,746	3,696
All States.....	105,150	113,350	121,540	"	9,716	9,819	11,362
Total, except-							
ing manuf. in:							
Calif.	63,020	65,840	---	"	5,195	6,097	---
Beans, snap, green							
and wax				:1,000			
Fall	14,980	15,000	20,500	bushels	1,313	1,475	2,788
Early	18,210	30,000	30,000	"	1,555	2,550	2,550
Early (2)	28,830	30,600	23,200	"	2,462	2,753	2,004
Second early	22,540	28,400	26,300	"	1,382	1,538	1,702
Intermediate(1)..	16,170	25,000	26,070	"	1,090	1,503	1,516
All States	135,930	171,810	---	"	11,307	14,368	---
Lima beans							
Fall	230	---	---	"	20	---	---
Early	1,800	4,500	4,800	"	138	338	288
Second early	2,860	2,200	2,100	"	145	180	200
Intermediate(1)..	1,170	1,500	1,600	"	60	90	
All States	10,650	13,350		"	651	904	---
Beets							
Early	5,460	6,100	6,600	"	808	854	858
Second early	2,500	1,800	1,550	"	353	272	222
All States	10,650	10,870	---	"	1,899	1,928	---
Cabbage 1/							
Fall	1,250	2,600	2,600	Tons	8,300	16,800	15,800
Early	42,920	46,100	54,600	"	227,900	237,400	273,900
Second early	16,180	22,200	18,100	"	86,400	137,400	83,200
Intermediate	29,620	34,140	33,300	"	174,600	222,400	
Late(domestic)...	39,460	46,570	*42,050	"	303,000	511,500	
Late(Danish)	36,030	35,180	*32,000	"	282,200	370,300	
All States	165,460	186,790	182,650	"	1,082,400	1,495,800	
For market	145,090	169,540	---	"	928,600	1,303,600	
For kraut	20,370	17,250	---	"	153,800	192,200	
Cantaloupes				:1,000			
Early	37,020	28,700	33,040	crates	5,432	5,204	5,084
Second early	39,500	47,750	52,150	"	4,889	5,192	
All States	116,270	123,250		"	14,959	15,103	
Carrots				:1,000			
Fall	5,200	8,750	8,600	bushels	2,583	4,375	4,128
Early	9,460	9,350	8,900	"	1,713	1,394	1,560
Second early	10,710	15,620	15,650	"	4,238	6,287	6,158
All States	32,780	43,320		"	11,587	15,775	---

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Commodity and group	Acreage			Unit	Production		
	10-year	1938	1939		10-year	1938	1939
	average				average		
	1928-37				1928-37		
	Acre	Acre	Acre				
Cauliflower				1,000			
Fall and winter..	9,070	8,050	7,800	crates	2,369	2,550	2,259
Early	8,080	8,240	7,680	"	2,162	2,614	2,286
All States ...	28,460	28,630		"	6,993	8,401	
Celery							
Fall and winter..	7,270	9,750	9,250	"	1,282	2,048	1,758
Early	6,330	9,200	8,100	"	2,088	2,742	2,277
Second early ...	3,090	3,950	3,650	"	1,118	1,617	1,354
All States ...	33,810	41,550	---	"	9,123	11,868	
Eggplant				1,000			
Fall	1,220	1,450	1,500	bu.	191	195	250
Early	880	800	600	"	266	320	210
All States ...	3,580	4,420	---	"	801	961	
Kale							
Virginia	1,780	1,050	700	"	619	514	280
Lettuce				1,000			
Early	44,190	37,000	36,500	crates	5,259	4,776	4,342
Second early ...	48,090	53,400	70,050	"	5,382	5,804	7,396
Intermediate ...	4,800	3,870	4,355	"	939	809	827
All States ...	154,280	149,340	---	"	19,433	19,270	---
Cucumbers				1,000			
Fall	1,550	2,000	1,800	bu.	115	100	108
Early (1)	12,710	10,600	12,000	"	891	1,041	877
Early (2)	12,460	12,200	11,400	"	1,194	1,216	1,292
Second early ...	6,550	5,400	5,400	"	561	450	
All States ...	44,980	43,510		"	4,153	4,595	---
Onions 2/				1,000			
Early (Bermudas):	46,580	64,080	58,950	sacks	2,202	2,168	1,928
Intermediate(1):	11,790	13,600	15,500	"	807	768	
Intermediate(2):	6,430	5,810	6,400	"	874	837	
Late	52,740	54,440	*57,220	"	9,914	11,142	
All States ...	117,540	137,930	138,070	"	13,797	14,915	
Peas				1,000			
Early	9,360	15,700	14,400	bu.	642	1,330	1,190
Second early ...	40,020	34,950	41,550	"	2,648	2,181	3,204
Intermediate(1):	5,990	6,000	5,400	"	405	420	339
Intermediate(2):	3,920	4,440	5,040	"	250	337	437
All States ...	97,350	103,300	---	"	7,359	8,281	
Green peppers							
Fall	2,340	3,800	4,400	"	427	473	550
Early, winter ...	2,530	3,000	2,500	"	662	1,020	750
" , spring ...	3,060	2,400	2,400	"	643	840	840
All States ...	17,480	21,070	---	"	3,960	4,970	---
Shallots 3/							
La.	---	5,700	5,700	"	---	490	627

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Commodity and group	Acreage			Unit	Production		
	10-year				10-year		
	average	1938	1939		average	1938	1939
	1928-37				1928-37		
Spinach				1,000			
Fall	2,700	2,700	3,000	bu.	747	972	1,020
Early	38,410	44,840	40,450	"	7,304	6,578	7,266
Second early	8,900	8,700	8,000	"	2,551	2,611	2,293
All States	57,250	66,690	---	"	12,472	12,526	---
Tomatoes							
Fall	5,700	9,000	7,300	"	346	350	556
Early (1)	12,750	15,500	15,500	"	1,448	2,945	2,015
Early (2)	28,150	41,000	39,600	"	2,048	3,562	3,378
Second early	39,680	62,400	52,250	"	3,528	4,088	3,788
Intermediate	42,360	48,500	49,550	"	5,664	6,214	---
All States	169,500	222,050	---	"	18,685	24,312	---
Watermelons				1,000			
Early	34,470	29,500	27,000	melons	12,456	10,265	9,870
Second early	160,370	164,800	168,100	"	36,378	33,308	
Late	54,000	68,650	*70,850	"	19,185	26,356	
All States	248,840	262,950		"	68,019	69,929	
Total acreage planted and intended as of May 23	1,267,380						
		1,426,180					
Total acreage planted as of May 23	1,085,150		1,441,395				
		1,221,340					
			1,239,275				

1/ Included undetermined quantities of production used for manufacture, frozen pack, etc. 2/ Estimates for Texas have been revised to an actual acreage basis as contrasted with earlier reports which took into account difference in widths of rows. 3/ Not included in totals. * Intended.

Vegetables, frozen: Cold storage holdings May 1, 1939 with comparisons

Commodity	May 1, 1938	Apr. 1, 1939	May 1, 1939
	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands
Asparagus 1/	---	2,554	2,928
Beans, lima	3,444	10,309	9,564
Beans, snap	1,628	4,875	4,697
Broccoli, green 1/	---	1,081	1,035
Corn, sweet	1,823	5,428	5,063
Peas, green	6,700	17,144	15,378
Spinach	1,925	2,787	2,547
Other vegetables	2/ 6,312	2,027	2,078
Classification not reported 1/	---	5,088	4,093
Total	21,832	51,293	47,383

1/ Data for this item prior to July 1, 1938, included under "other".

2/ Includes items designated by 1/.

Truck crops and potatoes: Carlot (rail and boat) shipments from
originating points in the United States for the week ended
May 20 with comparisons

Item	Week ended					
	1938			1939		
	May 23	Apr. 22	Apr. 29	May 6	May 13	May 20
	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars
Asparagus	8	348	208	39	8	8
Beans, snap and lima	330	217	295	203	286	234
Beets	78	29	31	32	44	20
Broccoli	1/	18	16	25	24	17
Cabbage, old	0	31	4	0	0	0
" new	724	701	643	728	621	205
Carrots, old	21	23	19	21	17	21
" new	473	319	408	478	503	373
Cantaloups	212	0	0	3	33	178
Cauliflower	106	137	113	124	144	87
Celery	531	548	686	510	562	468
Corn, green	102	6	17	45	55	39
Cucumbers	264	55	113	219	297	254
Eggplant	27	11	11	12	17	16
Escarole	1/	12	9	7	10	6
Greens, except spinach ...	2	12	8	2	3	4
Honey ball melons	2	0	0	0	0	2
Lettuce and romaine	806	1,493	1,726	1,745	1,410	974
Mixed melons	38	0	0	0	5	8
Mixed vegetables	465	724	618	478	495	423
Onions, old	7	88	32	27	26	19
" new	792	950	824	1,061	919	735
Peas, green	245	389	250	278	413	309
Peppers	158	95	99	93	141	115
Spinach	5	222	160	86	35	12
Sweetpotatoes	65	111	79	58	64	51
Tomatoes	1,580	675	883	882	909	1,000
Turnips and rutabagas	4	3	1	4	1	1
Watermelons	411	0	0	6	51	300
Total truck crops 2/	7,456	7,217	7,253	7,166	7,093	5,879
Potatoes:						
Total	5,998	4,842	4,209	4,953	4,837	5,059
Early	4,447	959	1,694	2,786	2,852	3,343
Late	1,551	3,883	2,515	2,167	1,985	1,716
Grand total all						
vegetables 2/	13,454	12,059	11,462	12,119	11,930	10,938
Imports:						
Beans, snap and lima ...	0	2	0	0	0	0
Cantaloups	0	1	1	0	0	0
Peppers	0	3	7	3	0	0
Tomatoes	7	136	125	35	0	0
Watermelons	0	2	0	0	0	0
Total	7	144	133	38	0	0
Relief: Cabbage	0	0	0	0	0	304

1/ Unavailable.

2/ Does not include imports.

Truck crops: Unweighted average wholesale price at New York for stock of generally good quality and condition (U.S. No. 1 when quoted) specified weeks, 1939, with comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Week ended					
		1938			1939		
		May 21	Apr. 22	Apr. 29	May 6	May 13	May 20
		Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
Asparagus, Calif.	Crates, 1 doz.						
	Bunches	---	2.65	2.95	3.48	2.50	---
S. C.	" " "	---	1.77	1.88	2.29	1.51	---
N. J.	" " "	2.65	---	2.69	2.77	2.27	2.29
Beans, lima, Fla.	Bushel	1.79	2.44	2.17	2.05	3.04	2.38
Beans, snap, green, Fla.	"	---	2.00	2.02	1.62	1.66	1.42
" " wax, " "	"	---	2.25	1.81	1.85	2.04	1.75
" " green, S.C.	"	1.21	---	---	1.81	2.04	1.62
" " wax, N. C.	"	1.05	---	---	1.88	2.25	2.04
Beets, bunched, Tex.	West. $\frac{1}{2}$ crate	1.12	1.45	1.53	1.50	1.65	1.24
Broccoli, Calif.	Pony crate	2.84	2.48	2.62	3.23	3.31	2.81
Cabbage, domestic, Ga.	$1\frac{1}{2}$ bu. hamp.	1.12	2.02	1.64	1.36	1.40	1.09
" " S.C.	" " "	---	2.07	1.53	1.14	1.07	.92
" " Miss.	West. crate	1.98	---	---	1.75	1.75	1.62
Cantaloups, Calif.							
std. 45's	Crate	5.79	---	---	---	---	6.47
Cantaloups, Calif.							
Jumbos 36's	"	---	---	---	---	---	7.22
Carrots, bunched, Tex.	West. $\frac{1}{2}$ crate	1.09	1.41	1.43	1.44	1.32	1.29
" " Western	" crate	3.64	2.83	2.93	3.11	2.96	2.79
" topped, N. Y.	Bushel	1.10	1.46	1.43	1.35	1.39	---
Cauliflower, Calif.	Pony crate	2.35	1.50	1.90	1.94	2.03	1.70
Celery, Fla.	Std. crate	2.61	3.19	2.79	2.27	2.21	2.43
" Calif.	$\frac{1}{2}$ crate	---	2.50	---	2.19	2.62	2.79
Corn, green, Fla.	$1\frac{1}{2}$ bu. crate	---	---	2.47	2.31	2.54	1.94
" " Tex.	bag-5 doz.	2.08	---	---	2.12	1.92	1.82
Cucumbers, Fla.	Bushel	2.92	3.23	3.38	2.49	1.98	1.25
Eggplant, Fla.	$1\frac{1}{2}$ bu. crate	1.50	2.04	2.04	2.17	2.04	1.73
Escarole, Fla.	$1\frac{1}{2}$ bu. hamp.	2.75	2.05	2.05	2.19	2.19	1.95
Lettuce, iceberg, West.	West. crate	3.96	3.73	5.08	3.67	2.69	2.71
" big. Bost. N.C.	5 pkg. hamp.	---	1.31	1.23	1.23	2.08	---
Onions, Yell. Ber. Tex. $\frac{1}{2}$	50 lb. sack	1.40	1.29	1.29	1.30	1.17	1.07
" Cr. Wh. wax, " $\frac{1}{2}$	" " "	---	---	---	1.50	1.51	.81
Peas, Calif.	Bushel	1.78	1.97	1.41	1.36	1.61	1.61
" N.C. & S.C.	"	.91	---	.98	1.20	1.34	1.21
Peppers, green, Fla.	$1\frac{1}{2}$ bu. crate	1.78	4.44	2.96	2.48	2.52	2.19
Spinach	Bushel	.30	.52	.59	.94	.70	---
Sweetpotatoes:							
N.J. Jersey type	"	.97	2.00	1.86	1.88	1.88	1.96
La. Puerto Ricans	"	1.75	1.88	1.88	1.85	1.85	1.86
N.C. " "	"	1.42	1.52	1.50	1.41	1.42	1.44
All sources & varieties:	"	1.15	1.65	1.70	1.65	1.63	1.64
Tomatoes, Fla.	Lug	1.65	2.30	2.26	2.04	2.10	2.02
Watermelons, Fla. 24-34 lb. av.	Carload	5.14	---	---	---	7.10	5.57

$\frac{1}{2}$ U. S. and Commercial

Truck crops: Unweighted average wholesale price at Chicago for stock of generally good quality and condition (U.S.No.1 when quoted), specified weeks 1939 with comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Week ended					
		1938	1939				
		May 21	Apr. 22	Apr. 29	May 6	May 13	May 20
		Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
	Crates, 1 doz.:						
Asparagus, Ill.	bunches	1.82			1.96	1.54	1.26
" , Mo.	" " "	---			1.80	1.50	1.21
Beans, lima, Fla.	Bushel	1.79	2.71	2.69	2.38	---	2.72
" , snap, green, Fla. .:	Bushel	---	2.25	2.42	2.28	---	---
" , snap, green, La. ...	Bushel	1.58	3.00	2.72	2.48	2.18	1.56
Beets, bunched, Tex.	Western $\frac{1}{2}$ crate:	1.30	1.35	1.38	1.38	1.38	1.28
Broccoli, Tex.	Pony crate	1.92	2.00	2.34	2.53	2.60	2.50
Cabbage, domestic, Miss. .:	Western crate	1.58	3.01	2.30	2.20	1.52	1.42
" , " , La. ...	" "	1.50	3.11	2.54	2.21	1.77	1.30
Cantaloupes, Calif.,							
Std. 45's	Crates	5.28	---	---	---	---	6.60
Cantaloupes, Calif.,							
Jumbos '36	Crates	---	---	---	---	---	7.15
Carrots, bunched, Western.:	Western crate	2.94	2.34	2.41	2.52	2.54	2.30
Cauliflower, Calif.	Pony crate	1.93	1.28	1.62	1.75	1.78	1.43
Celery, Fla.	Std. crate	2.50	3.32	3.20	2.82	2.28	2.56
Corn, green, Tex.	Sack (5 doz. ears):	2.04	2.75	---	2.25	1.65	1.62
Cucumbers, Fla.	Bushel	2.42	3.50	3.82	3.12	2.44	1.76
" , Tex.	Bushel	2.38	---	3.96	3.16	2.26	1.54
Eggplant, Fla.	$1\frac{1}{2}$ bu. crate	2.32	2.28	2.20	2.25	2.54	2.34
Lettuce, Iceberg, Calif. :	Western crate	3.00	3.11	3.38	2.81	---	2.57
Onions, Cr. Wh., wax, Tex. .:	50-lb. sack	1.51	1.85	1.48	1.28	.95	.98
" , Yellow Ber., Tex.:	50-lb. sack	1.36	1.37	1.19	1.17	1.11	.93
Peas, Calif.	Bushel	1.67	1.77	1.34	1.23	1.54	1.50
Peppers, green, Fla.	$1\frac{1}{2}$ bu. crate	2.15	5.12	3.20	2.89	2.67	2.48
Spinach	Bushel	.60	.78	.72	.80	.85	.78
Sweetpotatoes							
La. Puerto Ricans	Bushel	1.76	1.65	1.60	1.56	1.50	1.50
Tenn. Nancy Halls	Bushel	1.09	1.04	1.04	1.04	1.00	1.08
All types excluding							
Jersey type	Bushel	1.41	1.34	1.32	1.33	1.13	1.16
Tomatoes, Fla.	Lug	1.58	2.66	2.44	2.48	2.60	2.55
Watermelons, Fla.,							
24-34 lb. average	Per melon	.64	---	---	---	1.07	.83

Truck crops: Unweighted average price of stock of generally good merchantable quality and condition (U.S.No. 1 grade when quoted) at shipping points, specified weeks 1939 with comparisons

Commodity	Shipping point	Unit	Week ended			
			1938:		1939	
			Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
F.o.b. cash track						
Beets, bunched	Lower Rio Grande	Western $\frac{1}{2}$ crate:	---	.76	.77	.75
	Valley, Texas		---	1.75	1.56	1.30
Cabbage, domestic	Cr. Springs, Miss.	Western crate:	---	1.13	1.28	1.39
Carrots, bunched	Brawley, California	Western crate:	1.82	.66	.78	.80
"	Lower Rio Grande	Western $\frac{1}{2}$ crate:	---			
"	Valley, Texas		---	.61	.79	.85
Cauliflower	Santa Maria, Guadalupe	Pony crate	---			
	Dist., Calif.		---			
Corn, green	Lower Rio Grande	Bu. bag (4-6 doz.)	1.51	---	1.37	.98
	Valley, Texas					
Cucumbers	"	Bushel	1.68	---	2.12	1.92
Lettuce, Iceberg	Salinas, California	Western crate	1.96	1.59	1.44	1.26
Onions, Y. Bermudas	Crystal City, Texas	50-lb. sack	1.10	.73	.72	.72
"	"	50-lb. sack	1.00	1.11	.94	.70
"	Coastal Bend, Texas	50-lb. sack	---	.73	.72	.71
"	"	50-lb. sack	---	1.13	.95	.85
Tomatoes	Lake Okeechobee, Fla.	Lug	---	1.48	1.36	1.38
"	Lower Rio Grande	Lug	1.00	1.92	1.80	1.44
	Valley, Texas					

